GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:824
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PENDING CASES
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY;SHIVAJI VITHALRAO KAMBLE

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in various courts in the country till date, State-wise;

(b) the period of pendency and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any action plan for early disposal of pending cases;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number cases disposed of during the last year; and

(f) the number of Lok Adalats organised in various States alongwith the cases disposed of during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a)&(b):As per available information, the number of cases pending and the period of pendency in the Supreme Court /High Courts and in Subordinate Courts State-wise are given at Statement-I. The reasons for pendency of cases in various courts, inter alia, include increased institution of cases on account of awareness of the rights on the part of the citizens, enactment of numerous laws, inadequate Judge strength, rise in population, radical change in the pattern of litigation, frequent adjournment of cases lawyers` strike etc.

(c)&(d):Various steps have been taken by the Government for the speedy disposal of cases. These include amendment of the Civil Procedure Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure, increase in the number of posts of Judges/Judicial Officers, establishment of Special Courts/tribunals, appointment of Special Judicial/MetropolitanMagistrates and adoption of alternative modes of dispute resolution, such as, arbitration and conciliation. Lok Adalats have been given a statutory base as supplementary forum for resolution of disputes.

In addition, pursuant to the XIth Finance Commission`s recommendation,an amount of Rs. 502.90 crore has been sanctioned for creation of 1,734 additional courts in the country which will substantially bring down the pendency in the district and subordinate courts over the next five years.

(e): The number of cases disposed of during the last year, as per available information, in the Supreme Court of India, various High Courts and the Subordinate Courts are as per Statement-II.

(f): The number of Lok Adalats held and number of cases disposed of State-wise during the last 3 years are as per Statement-III.